

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A fusible powder, comprising 100 parts by weight of a metal salt of a fatty acid and 0 to 35 parts by weight of a fusible organic component.

2. The fusible powder of claim 1, wherein the fusible organic component is selected from the group consisting of a thermoplastic macromolecule, a thermally curable macromolecule, a radiation curable binder precursor, and combinations thereof.

3. The fusible powder of claim 1, wherein the metal salt of a fatty acid comprises calcium stearate and zinc stearate, wherein the weight ratio of the calcium stearate to the zinc stearate is in the range from 1:1 to 9:1.

4. The fusible powder of claim 1, further comprising up to 30 parts by weight of a fatty acid.

5. The fusible powder of claim 4, wherein the fatty acid is stearic acid.

6. The fusible powder of claim 4, wherein the powder comprises about 90 parts by weight of calcium stearate per about 10 parts of stearic acid.

7. A fusible powder comprising from about 5 to 100 parts by weight of a grinding aid and from 0 to about 95 parts by weight of a fusible organic component.

8. The fusible powder of claim 7 wherein the grinding aid is an organic halide, a halide salt, a metal, a metal alloy, or combinations thereof.